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Biologists are relieved this snakefish caught in a Burnaby pond turned out not to be the feared northern species of the invasive predator. COURTESY SFU

Snakefish scare subsides ... for the moment

Non-native wildlife. Species of lone fish caught in 2012 is different from the feared northern variety that could wreak havoc

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Scientists are relieved the monstrous snakehead found in a Burnaby pond last year isn't the northern species of the ferocious fish.

A team of biologists published the results of their study into the incident in the Management of Biological Invasions Journal on Sunday, saying the half-metre-long fish caught at the Central Park lagoon — the first snakehead found in Canadian waters — was from a species unlikely to thrive in the local climate.

"They're pretty similar in size but we were relieved this was a blotched snakehead (instead of a northern snakehead)," said lead author David Scott of Simon Fraser University. "Though there's not a lot of study on it, it's not a species predicted to be able to survive the winter we have here now."

It appears a lone snakehead, a highly invasive subtropical freshwater fish native to Asia, Russia and Africa, was released into the lagoon a couple of months before being caught.

When it was originally discovered, Scott said scientists feared the worst.

A pair of northern snakefish, which are able to survive in cooler climates, would have had the ability to breed and spread throughout the Fraser River watershed.

The fish has a lung that allows it to breathe and move short distances on land for a few days.

The results would have been devastating to salmon-bearing streams and other wildlife.

Scott said the Burnaby sighting should serve as a wake-up call.

"We want people to know they should never release a non-native species into the wild," he said.

In light of the discovery, the B.C. government strengthened the Wildlife Act to ban possession, transport and breeding of all snakehead species.

The team that studied the incident was made up of scientists from Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia, the University of Guelph and the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

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Cabbie assaulted over $5.40 fare

A Vancouver man has been charged with aggravated assault for violently punching, kicking and stomping on the face of a cab driver in an argument over the $5.40 fare.

The driver picked up three women and a man on Granville near Davie Street last Sunday around 1 a.m., according to police.

He drove the passengers about seven blocks to an apartment at Drake Street and Marinaside Crescent, where the passengers disputed the fare.

The verbal argument escalated quickly when the man allegedly punched the driver before kicking and stomping on his face while he lay on the ground, apparently unconscious.

Lloyd Peter Robinson, 29, was arrested Thursday and charged with aggravated assault.

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Two-vehicle collision

Man killed in Richmond crash

A 76-year-old man died in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of No. 4 Road and Westminster Highway on Saturday evening, according to RCMP.

The driver of the second vehicle, a man in his mid 30s, sustained minor injuries and was released from hospital Sunday, Richmond RCMP Const. Veronica Fox said. There were no other occupants.

RCMP cannot comment whether speed or impaired driving were involved until they finish speaking with all witnesses, Fox said.

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The temporary winter shelter at Davie and Seymour street, pictured in December 2012, will not open again this year. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Only 2 HEAT shelters to open this winter

Temporary beds. Fewer spots available for homeless as city looks for new locations

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People living on Vancouver's streets will have access to two temporary shelters this winter instead of four in previous years.

The city and the province will provide 75 additional beds between December and April 30, 2014, in two locations — one in the 800 block of Richards Street and one at Ontario Street and East 5th Avenue.

Last year the same program offered 160 beds in four spots, including a secondary Yaletown location that irked some neighbours who loudly protested the low-barrier shelter.

But the city's purchase of the Ramada Inn on East Hastings will mean 40 extra beds for a total of 115 available spots, Coun. Kerry Jang said Sunday.

Forty people who have long lived at the shelter at 201 Central, which opened as the city's first seasonal HEAT shelter in 2008, will move into the hotel, allowing for street intake at the popular location near Main and Terminal.

The interim housing at the Ramada will act as a transition into the BC Housing sites expected to open in 2014, Jang said.

There are fewer temporary locations than last year because it's difficult to find appropriate spaces in neighbourhoods where homeless people live, and shelter operators are busy gearing up for the new sites, he said.

It's crucial to place the shelters where people live on the streets, as determined by the homeless count conducted every spring, he added.

"It's not just about reopening shelters, we're strategically placing them," he said, pointing to the controversial Yaletown space. It wasn't available this year, but fewer people were counted living on the streets in that area anyway, he said.

The city is most focused on the "flow into better housing" by moving people from shelters into places like the Ramada before eventually helping them land a home in BC Housing, he said.

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Sea-to-Sky Highway. Two dead, two injured in crash with oncoming truck

Two young women are dead following a crash on the Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler.

RCMP say a Jeep Cherokee travelling north crossed the centre line and hit an oncoming truck Saturday morning.

The truck driver suffered minor injuries and walked away from the crash, but two of four 19- and 20-year-old women in the Jeep were killed.

On Sunday, the Ubyssey newspaper at UBC reported that all four women in the Jeep were second-year UBC students.

Two of the women in the vehicle were Canadian and the others were American, but police said they had not yet confirmed the identities and nationalities of the pair who died in the accident.

Insp. Tim Shields says one of the survivors is in stable condition in hospital and one is in very serious condition.

The highway remained closed for 10 hours Saturday at the scene of the crash near Lions Bay, north of Vancouver. **THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE UBYSSEY**

How Poetry Saved My Life. Former sex worker wins 2013 city book award

A former sex-trade worker's unflinching memoir of her life on the streets and her metamorphosis to writer and activist is the winner of this year's City of Vancouver Book Award.

How Poetry Saved My Life: A Hustler's Memoir recounts the life of author Amber Dawn.

The unconventional book explores her life in the sex trade, her experiences as a lesbian and her transformation through poetry and prose.

In a note posted on her website, Dawn says she accepts the award as a victory for other sex workers and survivors as well as the "tenacious and dignified peoples of the Downtown Eastside."

Winnings

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Amber Dawn receives a cash prize of $2,000 with the award

The four other titles shortlisted for the prize were The Ballad of Mrs. Smith by Jancis M. Andrews, Inventing Stanley Park by Sean Kheraj, Ink on Paper by Brad Cran and Exploring Vancouver by Harold Kalman and Robin Ward. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Will U.S. weed draw or damn Canadians?

Conflicting laws. Legal pot could still get you barred from entering the United States for life

Bilye Miller, left, and her partner Todd Spaits stand in their home in Kirkland, Wash., on Nov. 11. Spaits hopes that Canadians will shop at his planned retail marijuana store. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Todd Spaits believes his home state of Washington could one day be the Amsterdam of the United States, with everyone from die-hard pot heads to the curious but uninitiated visiting for the novelty of legally buying and smoking marijuana.

"There's going to be a significant chunk of business in that," said Spaits, who has already applied for a licence to open a retail store. He hopes Canadians will be among his customers.

When pot sales begin next year in Washington, anyone 21 or older will be able to purchase and possess an ounce of pot, whether they're residents of the state or not.

But legal experts warn anyone heading into the U.S. planning to indulge in legal marijuana could run into problems if they disclose those plans at the border.

"It is illegal at the border, because the border is run by the federal government and the federal government still considers it a controlled substance," says American immigration lawyer Len Saunders, who is based in Blaine, Wash.

"What if someone tells the truth at the border about why they're coming shopping? They've now admitted to committing a federal crime ... and it's going to create a lot of confusion. Are they supposed to lie?"

Currently, a non-citizen attempting to enter the U.S. who admits having consumed illegal drugs — or committing any other crime involving "moral turpitude" — can be deemed inadmissible. There are no firm policies dictating when that happens, says Saunders, leaving it up to the discretion of individual border guards.

Once that happens, the designation is permanent, says Saunders, and one of the only ways to get around it is to file an expensive application for a waiver, which must be renewed every few years.

Saunders says his office alone sees one or two such cases each month.

"I'm expecting my business to boom," he says. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Washington state magazine to target shoppers in southern B.C.

Crossing Guide.
Canucks may be making millions of same-day return visits to the U.S. each quarter

The fierce competition for the Canadian shopping dollar just across the border from British Columbia in Washington state has spawned an idea to steer the sometimes-myopic Canuck shoppers away from malls and big-box stores to the mom-and-pop shops.

About 30,000 copies of The Crossing Guide magazine, which is currently under design, will be distributed throughout Metro Vancouver, BC Ferries' terminals on the mainland and border crossings in early January, said Marisa Papetti, the magazine's owner and publisher.

But not everybody's excited about the prospect of more U.S. businesses trying to lure Canadians south of the border.

"It's super competitive," said Anita Huberman, the CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade, about the current business environment.

Six businesses in Surrey's south end closed recently because of a drop in foot traffic, and any increase in U.S. advertising will only compromise others, she said.

The shuttered businesses, said Huberman, included well-known clothing and electronics retailers and were located in a 60-store residential-commercial development featuring brand-name outlet stores only a few kilometres north of the border.

Statistics provided by the Canada Border Services Agency suggest Canadians may be making millions of same-day return visits to the U.S. each quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marisa Papetti, a businesswoman from Bellingham, Wash., says she hopes to educate consumers from Metro Vancouver about the small businesses in her community. MARTY WATSON/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario's 'chemical valley.' First Nations exposed to pollutants

A new study is drawing attention to the health problems being faced by a First Nations community living near one of Canada's most industrialized areas.

Members of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation living on a reserve near Sarnia have long suspected harmful chemicals were behind an unusually low male birth rate and slew of other reported health issues.

Now, tests performed by a McGill University professor suggest mothers and children are being exposed to higher-than-average levels of harmful hormone-blocking pollutants.

While the study doesn't prove that the pollutants are to blame for earlier research that found baby girls outnumbered boys by a two-to-one ratio in the community, it does suggest a possible link.

The reserve at the centre of the study is located near a patch of southern Ontario that some environmental activists call "chemical valley."

There are 60 industrial facilities found within a 25 kilometre radius of Aamjiwnaang lands.

"It's the first study to really show that mothers and children in the area are exposed to a number of pollutants," said Niladri Basu, a McGill professor and the study's lead author.

Residents of Aamjiwnaang have been calling for such a study for years, though a lack of funding continues to impede more detailed research.

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Health problems

A 2006 community survey by Aamjiwnaang's environment committee cited a number of health issues, including miscarriages, chronic headaches and asthma.

- Forty per cent of band members surveyed required an inhaler.

Blocking the bomb: Iran nuclear deal reached

The deal. A White House statement said it limits Iran's existing stockpiles of enriched uranium, which can be turned into the fissile core of nuclear arms

Iran struck a historic deal Sunday with the United States and five other world powers, agreeing to a temporary freeze of its nuclear program in the most significant agreement between Washington and Tehran in more than three decades of estrangement.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani endorsed the agreement, which commits Iran to curb its nuclear activities for six months in exchange for limited and gradual sanctions relief, including access to $4.2 billion from oil sales. The six-month period will give diplomats time to negotiate a more sweeping agreement.

The package includes freezing Iran's ability to enrich uranium at a maximum five per cent level, which is well below the threshold for weapons-grade material and is aimed at easing Western concerns that Tehran could one day seek nuclear arms.

Obama hailed the pact's provisions, which include curbs on Iran's enrichment and other projects that could be used to make nuclear arms, as key to preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear threat.

"Simply put, they cut off Iran's most likely paths to a bomb," he told reporters in Washington.

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Ottawa not convinced

The Canadian government was "deeply skeptical" on Sunday of Iran's agreement to temporarily freeze its nuclear program.

- Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Ottawa's sanctions against the regime would remain firmly in place until the new deal's words turned into actions.

In this photo released by the official website of the office of the Iranian Presidency, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani kisses the head of Armita, daughter of Iranian scientific researcher Dariousch Rezaeinejad, who was assassinated in July 2011, during a news briefing at the Presidency compound in Tehran on Sunday after Iran and world powers came to an agreement over its nuclear program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Worker satisfaction

Maybe we don't have it so bad

Canada has some of the most satisfied workers compared to the rest of the world, according to a recent survey by Monster.ca.

Canada tops the chart with 64 per cent of workers saying they love or like their job, followed by the Netherlands (57 per cent), India (55), the United States (53) and the United Kingdom (46).

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Skill acquisition

Ready and willing to learn

Canadian workers are willing to learn a new skill set to open up opportunities, according to Hays Canada's What People Want 2013 survey, with 88 per cent saying they are either planning to or will consider acquiring new skills to take advantage of shortages in other industries.

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Temp Gets Fired!

Here's the thing: I've been fired before and couldn't have cared less, but getting fired from TWK stung.

"You let yourself get attached, Shanny," said my sister Amy. "The No. 1 law of temping: Never bond." She was helping me self-medicate with grape popsicles and a Kate Winslet DVD marathon. I was in pajamas at four in the afternoon and my life had devolved into the third panel of a Cathy cartoon where she stares into the void and emotionally implodes. "The only reason anyone hires anyone is to help them make money. The moment you can't do that, they'll chew your face off and toss the remains into a dumpster."

"That's not true. I liked it at TWK."

"Have you tried calling Mr. Shoeman?"

"He's on an energy retreat in the countryside."

"China has a countryside?"

"You're right. He's probably at World Extreme Cageboxing."

"What about Kyle?"

"He showed up to take Sarah to lunch just as I was leaving. I couldn't talk to him. God only knows what Sarah told him about me."

"Shannon, how do you think Kate Winslet manages to always lose weight?" Amy's attention span is limited. Discussion of my temping was over.

The doorbell rang. I live in a basement suite and it's not the easiest place to find, so for someone to locate me takes work. I opened the door: It was Sarah No. 1, so I closed the door, but she started banging on it. "Let me in! Shannon, I was horrible! I deserve this! Let me explain!"

I opened the door. "Explain what?"

"I just got fired."

"So what? I'm waiting for whatever it is you're going to explain."

"Let me come in?"

"Oh God. All right. Shoes off. Would you like a grape popsicle?"

She came into the TV area and I introduced her to Amy. "We're having a Kate Winslet marathon." Amy hit pause.

Sarah looked at the frozen frame. "How does that woman always manage to lose weight so regularly?"

"Excuse me, Sarah — my explanation?"

"There is no explanation. I came here because I couldn't think of anyone else to visit. I have no friends. They all got married and this would just make them happy about their decision to do so."

"So you came to me because I'm a failure and won't judge you harshly?"

"To be honest, sort of. Yeah. You seem like your head's screwed on right. I like the way you never took crap from anyone at TWK — and your 'random fact of the day' was always funny. And yesterday I got to see the human side of you."

"I like the way you never took crap from anyone at TWK — and your 'random fact of the day' was always funny."

"I'm deeply flattered." The three of us sat there in silence and then I figured it out: "Wait — you just want to know what my secret plan is so that you can get in on it."

"Well, yeahhhh!"

I paused a second. "OK."

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Random fact of the day

What a buzz kill.

- Elephants use skin folds on their backs to crush mosquitos. SOURCE: PICSTACHE.COM

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Almost half of recruiters say candidate compensation increased from 2011 to 2012.

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Waging a war against the F-bomb

fbomb.co. A 22-year-old student hopes his site will get Twitter users to think before dropping the F-word

It gets dropped without warning and can strike anywhere in the world, laying waste to rational arguments and leaving a trail of offended sensibilities in its wake.

But the linguistic threats posed by the F-bomb on Twitter pale in comparison to its entertainment value, according to a Canadian computer science student who has made it his mission to track the global prevalence of this word-based weapon on the social networking site.

A young Emily Post?

Martin Gingras thinks his personal distaste for swearing may spread thanks to his site.

- "It's more of an entertainment thing, but once people are on it, hopefully they read through a couple and realize how ridiculous it sounds."

Martin Gingras's fascination with the popular profanity prompted him to create fbomb.co, a website that tracks the use of the word in real time.

By combining features of Google Maps and Twitter the site allows readers to observe where in the world F-bombs are falling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Learning from wise old owls

Inspired by a collection of Canadian owl feathers, an international team of engineers is studying the nocturnal birds of prey, hoping the mysteries of their stealthy flight might lead to improvements in the design of everything from aircraft to submarines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New frontier. U.S. warship boldly using electric propulsion for first time

Captain Kirk's futuristic-looking vessel sports cutting-edge technology, new propulsion and powerful armaments, but this ship isn't the Starship Enterprise.

The skipper of the stealthy Zumwalt is Navy Capt. James Kirk, and yes, he's used to the jokes about the name he shares with the TV starship commander played by actor William Shatner.

Kirk takes it in stride.

"I don't take any offence," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "If it's a helpful moniker that brings attention to help us to do what we need to do to get the ship into the fleet and into combat operations, then that's fine."

The Zumwalt destroyer moored in Bath, Maine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

While it's no starship, the technology-laden Zumwalt taking shape at Maine's Bath Iron Works is unlike any other U.S. warship.

The Navy's largest destroyer will feature a composite deckhouse with hidden radar and sensors and an angular shape that minimizes its radar signature.

It's the first U.S. surface warship to use electric propulsion, and its power plant is capable of producing enough electricity to light up a small city and to power future weapons like the electromagnetic rail gun.

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Canada's seal hunt

WTO to rule on seal products

Advocates for and against Canada's commercial seal hunt will be watching Monday as the World Trade Organization rules on the EU's ban on imported seal products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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When should we put up our Christmas decorations?

Those of you who bark "Never!" can leave now. Don't worry, you'll get a visit from the Three Ghosts of Christmas before the big morning, and you'll get one last chance to repent, you humbugs.

The rest of us, however, must take this issue seriously. When Christmas decs appear before the Halloween candy is off the shelves, and Lexus and Mercedes Benz turn Santa into a car salesman when he's still sorting out who's naughty or nice, there's a real problem.

Christmas could wear out its welcome even before the 12 days officially begin. In case you're keeping score at home, the 12 days begin on Dec. 25 and are over on Jan. 6. That's a lot of Christmas, even without the two-month buildup.

It's not even Advent yet. You can't start plundering the Advent calendar until Dec. 1. That's still a week away.

Yet here it is Nov. 25 and I'm already kinda tired of Nat King Cole roasting his chestnuts on an open fire while I wait in line for my triple-grande-non-fat latte.

Although, eternal reruns of Nat King Cole are the perfect antidote to Miley Cyrus. If we lived in a land that celebrated Christmas all year long we would probably never be exposed to Miley Cyrus, so there could be an upside to all Christmas, all the time.

I have to admit, the Christmas run-up in Vancouver features some magical touches, in particular the carol ships, the decorated cranes, the radioactive display at St. Paul's Hospital, the Christmas train at Stanley Park, not to mention the displays at VanDusen Garden and the Capilano Suspension Bridge.

We'd be remiss if we didn't squint in the direction of all those budding Griswolds who outdo each other every year with their electric festoonery. Modern technology in the form of LED bulbs has given these illuminators a new lease on life. They can now fire up a 10K radius without causing a brownout.

The real problem is the retail sector, which does 20 to 40 per cent of its business throughout the Christmas season. According to the National Retail Federation, the 2013 Christmas take will be $602 billion in the U.S. alone. Peace on Earth and goodwill towards everyone, for sure, but we gotta move those colour TVs.

With that much at stake, it's no wonder they start as close to Back to School as they can. Of course, that's not what Nat King Cole meant while singing about roasting chestnuts, but they can feel the heat in more than one corporate office.

I think the secret is to go placidly amidst the haste, order an eggnog latte, and give everyone iTunes gift certificates. And I'll be sure to get started soon. Probably around Dec. 24.

Merry Christmas. I'm sure I'm not the first, and I won't be the last to make that wish.

ZOOM

High alert for Mount Sinabung

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Indonesian volcano repeatedly erupts

Mount Sinabung spewed volcanic material as seen from Karo, North Sumatra, Indonesia, on Sunday. Indonesian authorities raised the alert status for one of the country's most active volcanoes to the highest level after the mountain repeatedly sent hot clouds of gas down its slope following a series of eruptions in recent days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How high?

2,600m

The 2,600-metre-high mountain has sporadically erupted since September after being dormant for three years. Mount Sinabung unleashed fresh volcanic ash and gravel as high as 5,000 metres and searing gas down its slope up to two kilometres, said a government volcanologist, Surono, who like many Indonesians uses one name.

Villages evacuated amidst ash, smoke

About 12,300 evacuees from eight villages around the mountain were packed Sunday in crowded government camps away from the fiery crater, while more than 6,000 others fled earlier to temporary shelters in 16 safe locations, said National Disaster Mitigation spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

The volcano's last eruption, in August 2010, killed two people and forced 30,000 others to flee. It caught many scientists off guard because it had been quiet for four centuries.

Mount Sinabung is among around 129 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire, an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin.

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Clickbait

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Nearly a month after Instagram opened its virtual doors to paid advertising, sponsored posts have likely been popping up in your feed. Not that brands weren't welcome before, but pre-monetized Instagram, brands were treated the same as any other shmoe posting filtered pics. Now, with cash pushing photos through your feed, here's a look at some brands making their way onto your screen:

MICHAELKORS/INSTAGRAM

Michael Kors:
Posted three weeks ago, Michael Kors was one of the first brands to take advantage of the new setup. Using #MK-Timeless, their 'pampered in Paris' post (pictured) has been liked 230,000 times. While many Instagrammers were not so pleased with pampered in Paris, the brand did gain between 33,000 and 34,000 new followers in 18 hours. #StreisandEffect?

General Electric:
I know, I know jet engines hardly seem the type to get all filtered up and passed around. But the Boeing's #GE90 pic was liked 59,000 times. Jets, who knew?

Burberry:
Though they've been posting since the early days of Instagram, rumour has it, they're now using sponsored content (disclosure: I have not seen it yet). While I can say with certainty I'm not Burberry's target market, I have to admit their photo stream is creative (and pretty).

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Where in the world is the F-bomb dropping? One Ottawa student tracks its use at fbomb.co. When do you tweet profanity?

@robin_writing: this is pretty cool- it really is all about context

@thatguy666: reminds me of http://alotsafari.com/ just using another word.

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Produced by Tom Hanks, this collection of Vietnam war stories explores the personal artifacts and memories carried by soldiers as coping strategies, superstitions and habits of endurance. Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) narrates, capturing with perfect attitude a cast of voices gruff with uncertainty, panicked by youth and haunted by loss. These are personal journeys, unexpected and masterfully told.

Box office

Money to burn

The Hunger Games sequel Catching Fire opened with $161.1 million at the box office, narrowly besting the original film and setting a record for a November opening. The result, from studio estimates Sunday failed to dethrone the year's biggest box-office opening of $174 million for Iron Man 3. But it did best the previous top November opening of $142.9 million by Twilight Saga: New Moon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winona Ryder stars in Homefront, which opens Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

Ryder on the Homefront

Arm candy role.
Actress talks Lou Reed and being a biker chick in her latest film

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Sure, Winona Ryder has a movie to promote — the Jason Statham-starring Homefront — but she'd much rather talk about Lou Reed, if that's OK. "I was supposed to see it (Homefront), but then Lou Reed died and I had to go to his memorial. And you know, I just haven't been able to. But I usually see something before talking about it," Ryder says with a laugh. "And it's also my first 'this' kind of movie."

The movie she speaks of is about a former drug enforcement agent who moves to a seemingly-idyllic town with an underbelly of drugs and violence. But before discussing the flick, Ryder has some things to say about Reed.

I've heard (Lou Reed) was one of the toughest people to interview.
Ethan Hawke — who worshiped him — met him somewhere and they were somehow exchanging numbers. Ethan was giving him his number and it was a 917 (a New York area code) number — it was right when (those were new) — and he said Lou was like, "What?" Like he was too cool for the new area code. Ethan was mortified, but it was kind of like, "He's Lou Reed. He can think that that's not cool."

You mentioned this is your first of "one of these kinds of movies." What was behind the decision?
Well, part of it was that I'd never done anything like this. I was kind of surprised they offered it to me. It kind of read like arm candy — which was kind of appealing to me. "Eh, I'm just a biker chick, arm candy in one of these movies. I've never done that, it could be fun!" And then also just honestly a big pull was James (Franco) because we're friends. I was like, "Are you really going to do this Homefront thing?"

You do come off as more interesting than just arm candy.
Oh good. It's just, there's not a lot of logic in these movies. It was an experience. I don't know if I'll do another thing like that. I did a thing right after that was like the opposite, this really great David Hare thing got Christopher Walken and Bill Nighy and Ralph Fiennes, and it's about the bringing down of Tony Blair.

Old becomes new

Winona Ryder figures she's hitting that age where everything old becomes new again. In 1994, she played Jo March in the film adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's novel Little Women and she was surprised to learn that Hollywood is going to revisit the material once again in a new film version. "I saw Christian Bale (who plays Laurie in the 1994 version) and I was like, 'Hey, what the hell?' It's just weird when they're redoing your (old stuff)."

It's all words and brilliant and about detention centres being built and money-laundering. So to go from this to that, it's kind of like that thing where I'm glad that I'm older because I would hate to be the ingenue now. It just seems like it would be tough these days.

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Zac Efron. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Efron getting lots of bedside attention

Zac Efron may be dealing with his mouth being wired shut after breaking his jaw, but at least he's not suffering alone. Sources tell Radar Online that Efron's rumoured girlfriend Lily Collins is nursing him back to health.

"Zac is so grateful for Lily. She's being so sweet with him and is going above and beyond to take care of him," a source says.

"She makes him healthy smoothies he can drink through the wire and she's really good emotional support for him right now."

Pop Goes the Week

Crazy is as crazy does

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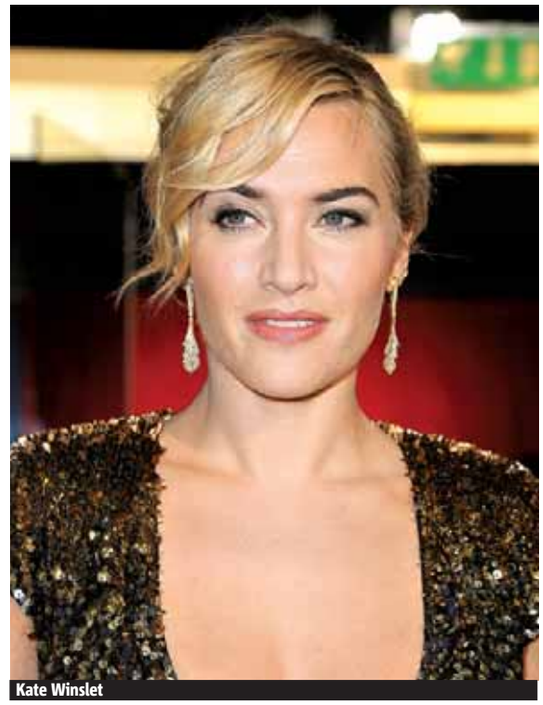
This week in pee: 1) Eminem says that the only way he could possibly top Kanye West's controversial BBC interview would be to pee on the floor. 2) Christian Bale reveals he told Ben Affleck to make sure his bat suit would allow him to "take a pee without anyone having to help him, because it's a little bit humiliating." 3) Andy Cohen says he made perfume from Lady Gaga's urine after she relieved herself in a bucket on the set of Watch What Happens Live. 4) I may, possibly, for sure, have wet myself when I heard Monty Python is planning a reunion.

Dakota Johnson, who will star in the movie, insists 50 Shades of Grey is "an incredible love story." She then describes One Direction's music as "something that will surely stand the test of time" and notes that Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. is "the best new TV show in 20, nay 25, years."

This week in back together? 1) There are rumours Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams are seeing each other again. 2) Former couple Taylor Swift and Harry Styles may be secretly dating. 3) Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart are reportedly sneaking around with each other. 4) There are whispers about Nina Dobrev and Ian Somerhalder having picked up where they left off. 5) It appears the celebrity dating pool has officially dried up. Very, very carefully consider what you do next, Katie Holmes.



Kate Winslet

Family comes first, no matter how big Winslet's arse may get

Actress Kate Winslet, who turned 38 last month and is expecting her third child (her first with hubbie Ned Rocknroll) says she doesn't care about losing the baby weight. Winslet's fluctuating weight has been a popular topic of discussion over the years, in an industry obsessed with superskinny bodies.

Recently Winslet told Italian Vanity Fair: "Honestly, among my acquaintances there is no woman wearing XS. No, sorry, there is one: my daughter. The point is that Mia is 11 years old."

While she believes in being fit and healthy, Winslet says her top priority after giving birth will be spending time with her family — not hitting the gym.

As she told Time Out: "I don't want to spend time thinking about the size of my arse."

Flu season

Faking it?

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth
Kathybuckworth.com

Here are guidelines to tell if a member of your family is really sick or faking.

•Child: Fortunately, most children are very bad actors/liars. You know they're faking their illness if they: A) have a test at school that day B) clutch their stomach seconds after bounding down the stairs and punching a brother on the way C) are hovering suspiciously near a heating vent with a thermometer, or D) ask, "What happens if I feel better around four?" noting a hockey game on the schedule for later that day. A gentle reminder about their negotiating position when it comes to extended curfews is recommended.

• Husband: Guys can be tricky. Some are entirely stoic about broken bones, huge bleeding wounds, and things that went snap, but the slightest sniffle can have them heading for the nearest couch wrapped in a Snuggie. The "man-flu" is well documented and needs no additional space here; we've all had the flu, it sucks, get over yourself. You don't need to announce every little symptom and sigh every 10 minutes. Bottom line? Who cares if he's sick? He's an adult. Let him figure it out.

•Wife: Because she says so.

EXCERPTED FROM KATHY BUCKWORTH'S I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU: AN 8 STEP GUIDE TO GIVING YOUR FAMILY THE BUSINESS, PUBLISHED BY MCCLELLAND & STEWART, 2013, AND RECENTLY OPTIONED BY WARNER BROTHERS TELEVISION. KATHYBUCKWORTH.COM

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It's one of the biggest parenting challenges of the season: creating the perfect holiday greeting card. Check out this week's exclusive Metro content from Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, authors of the hilarious bestselling book Reasons Mommy Drinks, at metronews.ca/voices.

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Tot-sized good and evil

Q&A. Researcher Paul Bloom seeks to answer whether babies are moral beings

According to developmental psychologist Paul Bloom, babies have the capacity for empathy and compassion. ISTOCK

Are we naturally good or naturally evil? Cognitive scientist Paul Bloom argues in a new book that we're both.

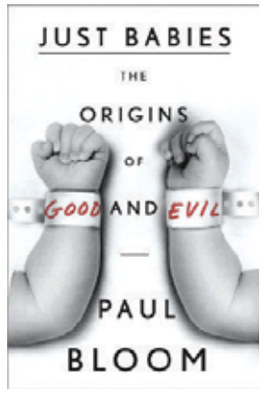
In Just Babies: The Origins of Good and Evil (Crown), the developmental psychologist and Yale professor takes on the nature of morality and vast research spanning evolutionary biology to philosophy, drawing on everyone from Sigmund Freud to Louis C.K.

His conclusion? Babies have the capacity for empathy and compassion, possess a limited understanding of justice and have the ability to judge. Yet they navigate not along colour lines but as Us versus Them, usually landing squarely in the Us camp.

What light do you shed on the "moral sense" of babies?

We're born with this extraordinary moral sense. A sense of right and wrong just comes naturally to humans and shows up in the youngest babies we can study. But this morality is limited. I think tragically limited. So we are morally attuned to those around us, to our kin, to our friends, to those we interact with, and we are utterly cold-blooded toward strangers. To some extent I think babies are natural-born bigots. They are strongly attuned to break the world into Us versus Them and have no moral feelings at all toward the Them, and this shows up all through development.

So in some way, although a lot of morality is inborn, I think the great success of humans ... is expanding and transcending this inborn morality.



Where do serial killers come from?

Serial killers are very unusual people. ... We know that there's genetic differences in people's empathy, in people's compassion and how much they care about other people, in their ability to control violent rages, for example, and I'm sure a serial killer is somebody who has the genetic short end of the stick. Then you toss in certain environments. Your typical serial killer had a very unhappy childhood.

You write about conflicts in research on racial bias in young children.

For kids there's a lot of evidence that they're very strongly biased on Us versus Them if you get them to do it on the basis of things like different coloured T-shirts, for example, but race and skin colour isn't an automatic way of dividing up the world. So you take a two- or three-year-old and typically a two- or three-year-old shows no signs of being racist in any way. When you get older, if kids are in an environment when blacks and whites interact and they're totally mellow with each other and there's not much conflict, they'll see black and white but it won't matter at all. If you're in an environment where it matters then it will matter. Children are extremely prone and very ready to divide the world into groups, but the groups that they focus on is determined through learning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) minced garlic
- Pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) reduced-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2-1/2 cups (625 ml) milk
- Ground nutmeg
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) shredded Canadian Cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt (approx.)

This recipe serves six to eight. MILKCALENDAR.CA

1. In pot, combine cauliflower, celery, onion, potatoes, garlic, pepper to taste, broth and water; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and boil gently for 15 to 20 min or until vegetables are soft.

2. Whisk flour into milk; pour into pot with nutmeg to taste. Cook, stirring, 3 mins. or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat.

3. Using immersion blender or transferring in batches to an upright blender, purée until smooth.

4. Return to pot, if necessary. Heat over medium heat, stirring often, for about 5 min or until bubbling. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup (250 ml) of the cheese until melted. Season with pepper and up to 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt. Ladle into warm bowls and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

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The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10, and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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Take a walk on life's uneasier side every so often. ISTOCK

We are frequently struck with an idea that takes us out of our comfort zone, yet rarely do we throw caution to the wind and sail towards opportunity.

Encountering hardships in 2008, I sought out a positive challenge that would stand to counter my struggles. Running the Gobi Desert seemed like the perfect challenge: "If I can run the desert, I can handle anything," I told myself.

I trained hard to reinvent myself as a runner, and from a standing start, within five short months I found myself in the Gobi Desert, lacing up my running shoes for a six day race.

At 7 a.m. we took to the startling line. I was terrified. Five hours later, I had finished my first marathon ever. I then did the same, on days two, three and four. On the fifth day I ran 85 km (two marathons), a distance I never imagined walking let alone running.

Every part of the journey was foreign to me. Whenever I stopped to ponder the enormity of the task at hand, I thought, "Wow, I am way outside of my comfort zone, and yet, I'm still here!"

Unexpectedly, I crossed the finish line first in the 40 to 50 age group. I returned with the sincere belief that I could handle the recession, and anything else life threw my way. In fact, before the six-day run, a recession was an event to try to survive. The desert showed me it is possible to thrive. Only by stepping out of our comfort zone can we expand it and ultimately realize what we are truly capable of.

STEFAN DANIS IS THE CEO OF NEXCAREER AND MANDRAKE, AND THE AUTHOR OF GOBI RUNNER

Between meetings at two and achoo!

On-the-job germs. Grumpy tummies and gesundheits are an office inevitability at this time of year, but staying prudent about your health can help both you and your co-workers

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News

You can hear it in the chorus of sneezes coming from the cubicle next door: the winter colds are in full Kleenex-piled swing. We asked Kelly Arehart — who manages the Healthy Workplace project, where she analyzes and advises offices all over the world on how to keep germs at bay — how to survive the season.

Arehart likes to start with the basics: no matter how much you play the blame game with friends and family "cold and flu are not discriminatory. Anybody can pick it up throughout their day."

Getting sick is as simple as touching an elevator button or a door handle — things you have to do, you know, to enter your office — so the key is to make sure you have a system in place. Arehart suggests making hand-washing part of the arrival routine, before you even get to your desk.

Oh, and speaking of that petri dish of bacteria you like to call a desk: According to Arehart, desks are commonly overlooked, but they are party central for germs. "They understand they should wash hands (or use sanitizer if they can't) but they miss that surfaces are a risk, a hot spot," she says.

Colds and flus spread easily in offices, subway cars and classrooms because people are sharing space. Part of sharing that space is knowing when you would do better to take the day off and stay home, the CDC guidelines (and Arehart) advise. In a recent survey conducted by Kimberly Clark, they found that 59 per cent of people went to work sick, and three out of 10 of them felt they are too important to their work to not be there.

Bless you!

Tips for staying healthy at work during the holidays:

- Wash your hands.
- Keep some surface wipes and hand sanitizer handy and use it to wipe down your work space as well as keep your hands germ-free.
- Try to keep your hands away from your face.

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4 must-reads for temp workers

My So-Called Freelance Life

Michelle Goodman

This "girlfriend-to-girlfriend guide" written by a full-time freelancer offers tips and advice on how to leave the cubicle behind and pursue fulfilling work — on your own terms. Blending anecdotes with personal experience, Goodman explains how to get started, create a budget, build clientele (and weed out the bad ones), as well as how to market yourself, negotiate an hourly rate and manage your taxes.

The Temp Factor for Job Seekers

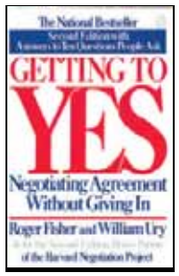
Cathy A. Reilly

Like the title suggests, this book explains the many benefits (and challenges) of temping, such as gaining work experience, expanding networks and avoiding gaps in employment. For those just starting out or looking to "audition" for a job through temp work, this book covers the essentials — what clients and staffing services look for in a temp, how to apply to staffing services and how to set yourself apart from the crowd.

Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In

Roger Fisher and William Ury

The revised edition of this classic business book is based on the Harvard Negotiation Project, a group that deals with negotiation and conflict resolution. While it's applicable to anyone, it's particularly useful for temps, who often don't want to rock the boat for fear of never being asked to come back. The book provides a step-by-step strategy for coming to mutually acceptable agreements in any sort of conflict — without getting angry or getting taken advantage of.



The Freelancer's Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Have the Career of Your Dreams — On Your Terms

Sara Horowitz and Toni Sciarra Poynter

If you're a temp or otherwise self-employed, one of the biggest challenges you'll face is finding work — and then getting paid for it. This reference guide will help you learn the ropes, such as getting clients (and keeping them happy), setting fees; surviving a dry spell, building a reputation, negotiating dos and don'ts, as well as recording-keeping and tax tips.

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Roughriders running back Kory Sheets celebrates his fourth-quarter touchdown against the Tiger-Cats during the Grey Cup game on Sunday in Regina. Sheets was a force for the Riders, rushing for 197 yards and two touchdowns to earn MVP honours in a 45-23 win. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Party on the Prairies

CFL playoffs. Record-setting performance by Sheets leads Riders to championship victory

Grey Cup game

Roughriders	Tiger-Cats
45	23

Kory Sheets ran for a record 197 yards and two TDs to power the Saskatchewan Roughriders to a 45-23 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 101st Grey Cup game Sunday night.

Sheets delighted the raucous hometown crowd of 44,710 by smashing the previous mark of 169 yards, set in 1956 by Edmonton's Johnny Bright. Sheets, who was named the game's MVP, was especially impressive in the first half, running for 128 yards and a TD in leading Saskatchewan to a commanding 31-6 halftime advantage.

"The one thing that led us to a dominant performance was that the fans were unreal," said Roughriders coach Corey Chamblin. "It was unreal. From pre-game warm-up I knew it was going to be tough for those guys. I looked at them and said, 'I wouldn't want to be in your shoes.' I mean, it was ridiculous. The whole thing was green."

Saskatchewan slotback Chris Getzlaf was the game's top Canadian.

Quarterback Henry Burris, who rallied Hamilton from a 24-10 deficit to beat Toronto 36-24 in the East final, pulled Hamilton to within 31-16 on his 18-yard TD run early in the third and a drive that Luca Congi capped with 33-yard field goal early in the fourth. But Sheets cemented the win with a five-yard touchdown with just over five minutes remaining.

A sea of green serenaded Burris — a former Saskatchewan starter — throughout and had plenty to cheer about as the home team earned its fourth Grey Cup, but first since '07 after disappointing losses to Montreal in 2009 and '10. Darian Durant started both losses to the Als but threw three TD passes to anchor his first CFL championship as Saskatchewan's No. 1 quarterback.

Former B.C. Lions slotback Geroy Simon caught his first two Grey Cup TDs while winning his third championship. His touchdown receptions were from 15 and 42 yards out.

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NHL

Canucks look to end homestand on high note

It's been the homestand to forget.

The Vancouver Canucks will close out this six-game stint at Rogers Arena on Monday against the L.A. Kings, looking to salvage something after dropping four of five games in front of their home fans since Nov. 14.

An inability to score has continued to manifest itself through most of this month now.

On Friday, the Canucks managed some relief in that department, putting a six-spot up on the Columbus Blue Jackets. But 24 hours later, they reverted back their offensive woes in a loss to the Chicago Blackhawks.

John Tortorella
GETTY IMAGES

Head coach John Tortorella is sick of talking about it, a fact he admitted following Saturday's loss to the Canucks' rivals from Chicago.

The fans are probably sick of hearing about it, too.

"Gotta keep on banging away at it," said Tortorella, when asked what needed to change.

But a quick glance at the standings would suggest a rather obvious point, and that is the Canucks had better figure out how to score, or win the low-scoring games and fast. The Canucks are fifth in the Pacific Division, four points back of the fourth-place Phoenix Coyotes and five back of the Kings for the third spot.

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Canada fails to cash in on opportunities

Canada's Rhian Wilkinson, left, and Emily Zurrer vie for the ball against Mexico's Renae Cuellar at BC Place Stadium on Sunday.
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Herdman says that every game tells a story.

The head coach of Canada's women's soccer team learned more about his players Sunday, and for long stretches, he didn't like what he saw.

The Canadians were sloppy and plodding for long periods while also failing to capitalize on their numerous scoring chances in settling for a 0-0 draw with Mexico in an international friendly.

Ranked seventh in the world, Canada won the bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics and is the host country of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Mexico, meanwhile, is in rebuild mode and sits 24th in the FIFA rankings.

"You expect to beat Mexico, no disrespect," said Herdman. "(Canada) is the seventh-ranked team in the world, bronze medallists. I still think we're three or four players (away from being) that team again. Hopefully we can either find those players or get those players back.

"I think the Mexicans were worth the score today. They weren't miles away from Canada."

Herdman was especially displeased with the tail end of the opening 45 minutes.

"We just ran out of ideas. That first half, I felt sorry for people watching at home or in the stands. It just wasn't an inspirational or exciting performance," he said. "I think the players knew at halftime that people had paid some money to watch them play, given their Sundays up, and they had to give a bit more.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Even an Aries has to take orders from some people and one such individual will demand you show them the respect they think they deserve. Let them have it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your ideas and opinions will change radically over the next few days — which is not like you at all. It won't worry you, but some people may be concerned you are acting out of character.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You seem strangely dissatisfied at the moment and can't quite put your finger on why that is. As the Sun moves deeper into your opposite sign partners and loved ones will help you find out.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Act first and worry about the consequences later. Better still, don't worry about the consequences at all. Be ready and willing to take a few risks over the next seven days.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
How you start the week will determine what sort of week you are going to have. If someone tries to pile lots of work on you, just say no.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Creative matters will become more important to you as the week progresses, but today, focus on getting domestic affairs in order. What can you do to reassure loved ones that their needs are your number one concern?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You don't need to make excuses if you want to be by yourself. Others may think you are being anti-social, and maybe you are, but so what?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Keep travel plans to a minimum over the next 24 hours because there could be hold-ups and setbacks which get you frustrated.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will get the opportunity to go back and set something right, and if you are smart you will seize it with both hands. If you don't it will continue to prey on your mind and hold you back.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not want to cause offense, either at home or at work, but you must speak your mind today, no matter what the effects may be. Let others know you have strong principles and opinions.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
For one reason or another you find it hard to get along with certain people and you must not try to force yourself to work with them. There is more than enough space to do your own thing.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The more others try to tie you down the more likely it is you will strive to break free. Especially at work, you just can't see the point of hammering away at the same problems. Do something different this week. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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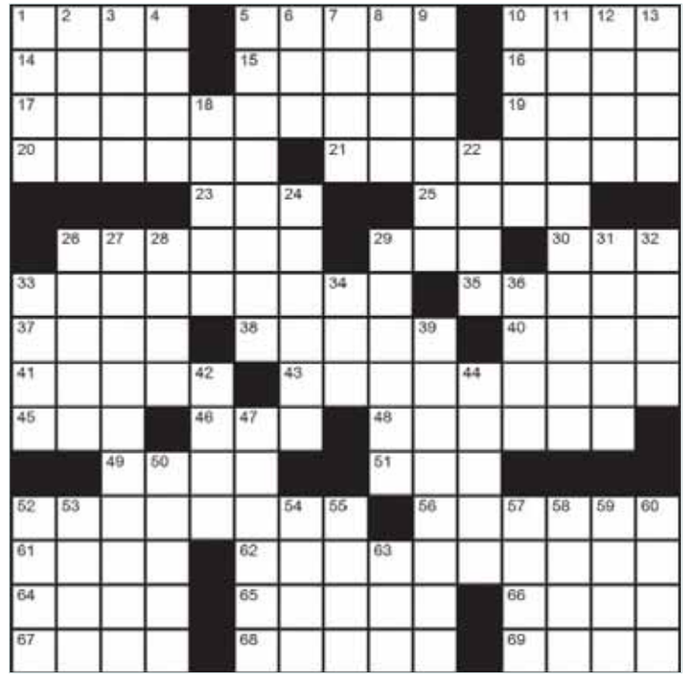


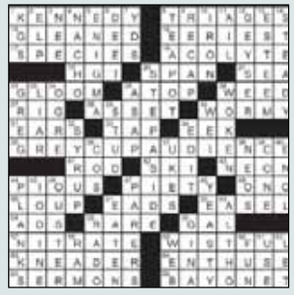
Across

1. Miley Cyrus' momager
5. Russian refusals
10. Way off
14. Currency exchange fee
15. Denmark's __ Islands
16. Cautious
17. Exercise for some pet owners: 2 wds.
19. Aboard the ship
20. Within reach: 2 wds.
21. I'll Be Loving You by The __ __ & BBQ Show (Montreal duo whose music the late great Lou Reed admired)
23. Fast food chain: letter + symbol + letter
25. Dedicated to the __ _ Love by The Shirelles
26. Ms. Copps
29. Cape Town's home [acronym]
30. 'Electr' ender
33. Medieval killer: 2 wds.
35. Receded
37. L.A.'s state
38. Canadian skating great/choreographer, Sandra __
40. Nero's 2051
41. Amadeus (1984) star Tom
43. Hit for rapper Gerardo: 2 wds.
45. Card game
46. Author Mr. Lawrence, et al.
48. Surface
49. Bargain
51. Nature's coat
52. Company chatter: 2 wds.
56. Cone-shaped dwelling
61. Holly __ Trio
62. Join in Klondike fun: 3 wds.
64. Competent
65. Phoney well-wishery
66. __ _ Want by Irish band Kodaline
67. Yo-Yos
68. Advice columnist Ann Landers aka __ Lederer
69. Requires directions

Down

1. "All done!"
2. Jazz classic: _ __ Rhythm
3. Wistful utterance
4. This is __ _ Heart Breaks by Rob Thomas
5. East Coast region: abbr. + symbol + abbr.
6. Yakety __ by The Coasters
7. Mr. Estrada
8. Ms. Braxton
9. Repetition marks, in music
10. Conscious
11. Vogue, e.g.: 2 wds.
12. Locale
13. Mr. Seacrest
18. Hammer _ __ in
22. Eat at
24. Bets
26. '70s idol, Mr. Cassidy
27. Broadway musical!: 2 wds.
28. Larger-than-life
29. Applied a cold pack again
31. Check out, __ into
32. Ms. Falco
33. Songbook standard: Ac-Cent-__-Ate the Positive
34. Submachine gun variety
36. Russia/China border river
39. Disco hit for Canadian singer France Joli: 3 wds.
42. Coup d'__
44. Waste place
47. Pass
50. Blades
52. "Vamoose!"
53. Freight train rider
54. Desk light
55. Start to 'sack'
57. Equal, in Paris
58. On-a-horse sport
59. Building wings
60. Change
63. __-End? by Brit singer Kate Nash

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6		7	8				
	5		2				3	8
		3	6			7		
						5	7	6
5				2				3
4	7	1						
		9			2	4		
3	4				6		8	
				9	8		1	

Friday's Sudoku

4	3	1	8	2	6	9	5	7
2	9	7	5	1	4	8	6	3
5	6	8	3	7	9	1	2	4
7	5	9	4	6	2	3	8	1
3	8	4	9	5	1	6	7	2
6	1	2	7	8	3	5	4	9
9	2	3	6	4	8	7	1	5
1	7	6	2	9	5	4	3	8
8	4	5	1	3	7	2	9	6

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